



St. Therese the Little Flower Roman Catholic Church

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December 15th, 2024 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent “Gaudete Sunday” (St. Paul of Latros, C)

8:00 am Low Mass (Poor Souls from Tarciana Pires)

Server: Alex Sellers

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am High Mass (Pro Populo)

Servers: MC: Paddy Omlor Thurifer: Peter Creighton Acolytes: Clayton & Xavier Wright

Monday, December 16 – Advent Feria (St. Eusebius, BM)

****NO MASS SCHEDULED**** (Geraldine Ucci from John Ucci)

Tuesday, December 17 – Advent Feria (St. Lazarus, BC)

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Mary Klei from The Williamitis Family)

Wednesday, December 18 – Ember Wednesday (Expectation BVM)

7:00 am Low Mass (RIP Shelby Carnes from Ed M.)

Thursday, December 19 – Advent Feria (Ss. Darius, Zosimus, Paul & Secundus, Mm)

6:15 am High Mass (Conversion & Salvation of children, family & friends from Jamie Kennedy)

Friday, December 20 – Ember Friday (St. Dominic of Silos, Ab)

8:00 am Low Mass (Private Intention from Clark Family)

Saturday, December 21 – St. Thomas, Ap (Ember Saturday)

8:30 am Low Mass (Private Intention of Cleo Speckert)

Sunday, December 22 – 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am Low Mass (Sr. Mary Cabrini CMRI from Daniel Peck)

Server: Andrew Smith

9:35 am Holy Rosary

10:00 am Low Mass (Pro Populo)

Server: Michael Peck

Announcements

† **Ember Days** this Wednesday (12/18), Friday (12/20), and Saturday (12/21). Everyone over seven years of age is bound to observe the law of abstinence. Partial abstinence is to be observed on Wednesday and Saturday. On days of partial abstinence, meat may be taken only once at the main meal. Everyone over 21 and under 59 years of age is bound to observe the law of fast.

**2nd Sunday of
Advent**
(12/8/24)
Collection: \$1878

† **Rorate Caeli Mass: An Advent Tradition Honoring Our Lady** will be at **6:15 am (High Mass)** on **Thursday (12/19)**. The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

† **Christmas Church Decorating** will be after the 10 am Mass on **December 22nd**. Out of charity, please stay and help, if able.

† **DATE CHANGED: St. Therese Academy** will be putting on a **Christmas play** on Sunday, **January 12**, after the 10 am Mass. All are invited to attend! There will be a potluck as well. Please bring a **main dish** to share! The address is American Legion Post **620 North Broadway St.**, Lebanon, OH 45036.

† **14 DAY SANCTUARY LAMP:** is burning for the weeks of (12/4 to 12/17) for the **INTENTIONS** of **Erin Ribar**. **Next INTENTIONS** will be for **Ann Williamitis**. If you would like to donate to light the 14 day sanctuary candle for your intention, please let Father know. The **donation** for each candle is **\$25** (candles generally last 14 days, but sometimes they burn faster than expected).

Reflection: *The Catechism Explained By Stories and Examples by Fr. Francis Spirago. First Lesson: On The End of Man.*

Question: Why must we take more care of our soul than of our body?

Answer: We must take more care of our soul than of our body, because in losing our soul we lose God and everlasting happiness.

Diogenes And The Three Sestertii: Man must not forget his highest and final end. Once upon a time Diogenes, the Grecian sage, set up a tent in the market-place at Athens, and wrote up outside it: "Wisdom is sold here." A gentleman, seeing this notice, laughed heartily at it, and calling one of his servants, he gave him three sestertii (twelve cents) and said to him: "Go and ask that braggart how much wisdom he will let you have for three sestertii." The servant went as he was desired, handed the money to Diogenes, and delivered his master's message. Diogenes pocketed the three sestertii, and said: "Tell this to your master: 'In all your actions look to the end.'" The gentleman approved so highly of this axiom, when it was repeated to him, that he caused it to be inscribed in letters of gold over the entrance to his house, that both he himself and everyone who entered might be reminded of the end of life. Now, no one ever reminded us mortals of the highest end and aim of our existence more recently and more forcibly than Jesus Christ did. Would that every Christian kept his eyes constantly fixed upon his final end! Everlasting happiness—our last end—should be the guiding star of our existence, the lodestone of all our affections.

The Most Beautiful Hand: Virtue renders man fair in God's sight. A party of ladies were exhibiting and comparing their hands, questioning which among them had the most beautiful hand. They appealed to a gentleman who was sitting at table with them, to decide the momentous point. He looked at the hands of all the ladies in succession, and then declared himself unable to give judgment. "I ought to ask the poor, before giving preference to any," he said. "The loveliest hand is the one which dispenses alms most freely; the most bountiful is the most beautiful." There is no real beauty without virtue.

Confessions: 45 minutes before Sunday Masses. 30 minutes before weekday Masses. Father will stop hearing confessions 10 minutes before Mass. Confessions could be heard after Mass as well.

Baptism: Please call Father to make arrangements. At least one parent and the sponsors must be practicing traditional Catholics. It is a serious obligation for Catholics to have their newborns baptized within two weeks.

Matrimony: For practicing registered parishioners only. Please contact Father at least six months before the wedding date for marriage instructions.

Mass Intentions may be submitted for a stipend of \$25.00. Mass intention envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Sunday Catechism Classes for children: Please see Sister Maria Josepha, C.M.D.

Blessing of Religious Articles: Please bring item(s) up to Communion Rail after Holy Mass.

Adult Catechism: Every Wednesday at 6 pm. Please see Father for more information.